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Revisions Planned For Interstate 84



Local Legislator Pursued Changes Through DOT

HARTFORD- State Representative Janice Giegler, R-Danbury, today announced the state Department of Transportation (DOT) is expected to implement revisions to signs on Interstate 84 westbound between Exits 4 and 3 within the next several weeks. The changes will address safety issues regarding the point in the roadway where it splits to Route 7 South.

Rep. Giegler, who worked with DOT officials to bring about the changes, said because the left-hand lane of the Interstate prior to Exit 3 is not marked as 'exit only,' drivers who intend to remain on I-84 are forced to suddenly switch lanes. A new overhead sign will clearly mark the lane's approaching 'exit only' status. Additional sign changes are planned in the coming months.

Also, the solid line markers that delineate the splitting of Interstate 84 and Route 7 will be extended 275 feet to the east, which will help make drivers more aware of the impending change. In addition, lane widths have been changed. Previously, an extra wide left hand lane encouraged some drivers to form two lanes on the left as they approached Exit 3. The extra wide area on the left has been removed, with an extra wide lane provided for the middle lane that better provides motorists the option of traveling to Route 7 or remaining on I-84.

"For quite some time, the section of highway prior to Exit 3 westbound has been frustrating for drivers," said Rep. Giegler. "People not familiar with the Danbury area find themselves in an exit lane where they didn't intend to be. It puts these drivers and other motorists at risk because they abruptly scramble to switch lanes. I'm pleased DOT staff have been so cooperative in working with me to address these safety issues."